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With DOUG NEEMS

Doug Neems, deejay at *The Scorpio*, holds a journalism degree from the University of North Carolina.

As the winter chill envelopes the Southeast and outdoor activities are curbed, many people find it difficult to maintain a fitness regimen.

If you fit the description and find your sedentary hours on the rise, remember the aerobic benefit of dancing. You can shed not only those holiday calories, but the seasonal doldrums as well. Head for your favorite club and sweat it out!

Now for some motivation:

High Energy Scorchers

Linda's "Fire," Stacey Q's "We Connect," and "Boys" by Leah Landis pace this month's power pack. Hot newcomers include Nick John's "Planet Nine," "Soul" from Jolo, and Sabby's "Friday Night." Imports abound. Showing particular club promise are Kinky Go's "I'm A Winner," Man 2 Man's "Who Knows What Evil Lurks," Viola Wills and Noel McCalla's "Take One Step Forward" and "Smile" by Why Not. Well worth checking out is the silky smooth remake of "Our Day Will Come," deftly performed by Holly Oas.

Midnight Sunrise gives us a British interpretation of the Chicago "house music" phenomenon in "On the House." For those unaware, "house" fuses high energy with urban influences to create some of the liveliest party music ever recorded. Keep your ears open; the "Chicago sound" is spreading swiftly.

Among the current crop of lower tempo releases, Cat Miller's tremendously campy "Beat My Face," Bananarama's "Trick of the Night" and KTP's "Never Too Late" are standouts.

Extraordinary/Exotic

Those with a taste for the unusual may enjoy Wazmo's "Yahoo Eeeee." Call it "cowpoke disco" even Dale Evans could love; the perfect record for disturbing your neighbors. Also, coming soon from Razormaid records will be a series of commercially available 12-inchers catering to those who appreciate originality. Connoisseurs of Top 40 can anxiously await the release of Madonna's greatest hits, all newly remixed, titled "You Can Dance."

Happy New Year! And party safe!

DOUG'S TOP TEN

1. Leah Landis, "Boys." Dice 12-inch.
2. Grace Jones, "I'm Not Perfect." Manhattan 12-inch.
3. Linda, "Fire." On The Spot 12-inch.
4. Stacey Q, "We Connect." Atlantic 12-inch.
5. Cyndi Lauper, "Change of Heart." Portrait 12-inch.
6. Tapps, "Don't Pretend to Know." Boulevard 12-inch.
7. Madonna, "Open Your Heart." Sire 12-inch.
8. Nick John, "Planet Nine." Megatone 12-inch.
9. Nasty Boys, "I Was Made for Loving You." BMS 12-inch.
10. Pointer Sisters, "Gold Mine." RCA 12-inch.

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